



A nest box project in Norway

After people had observed some raptors in SW Norway and a news reporter had gone out to ask people to help find out which birds they were, Ellen Hagen suggested a nest box for the [tallest building in the district](#). It was finally put up this fall, and there is now an online camera running, by Jærtek, at their page <http://jaertek.no/falkene>. This is believed to be the first nest box with live camera on urban peregrines in Norway, so it is a very special case and the reporter Geir Sveen is keen to promote these birds. Ellen has a falconry background, but is unable to practice falconry where a whole generation has no idea of it and where it is not currently allowed. However, she used her knowledge and information on nest boxes from her contacts in England and Holland and provided drawings to the owners of the building. The nest box was made by a retired Norwegian teacher.

Ellen is very happy that she has 68 pupils at Bryne in the last year of primary school that she helps teach occasionally about raptors and about falconry in general and she hopes next spring to bring Norway into the [School Links Programme](#). She has very kindly translated the information on the Jærteks page into English, and understands they have a camera in the nest box that they also will activate later:

Facts about two peregrine falcons that regularly use the building 'Høguset' at Bryne as their 'observation tower' and eating-place. A nest box has been set up for them in the same building.

- *Our second largest falcon. Protected species.*
- *800 – 1000 nesting pairs in Norway.*
- *Nest in springtime, normally in high and steep mountains or manmade buildings.*
- *Observed to hunt mostly at twilight.*
- *Eats local prey birds such as pigeon, thrush, charadriiformes (gulls etc).*
- *Migrate to England and the Continent in winter.*
- *Will stay over winter if there is enough prey.*

All pictures are from the newspaper Aftenbladet

